

## Jail Standards

The Jail Standards Board, appointed by the Governor, is responsible for the enforcement of minimum standards for the operation and construction of 78 local jails. Jail Standards staff conducts annual inspections of local jails and juvenile detention facilities. Technical assistance is also provided to include new facility planning and training for local correctional officers. Staff also collect data on the characteristics and numbers of inmates held in local jails.

## Criminal Justice Information System

The Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Advisory Committee has developed a statewide strategic plan for improving the exchange of information among criminal justice agencies. There is a proven need for data sharing as well as automating several key components of the criminal justice system. Funds appropriated to this program are used to implement those projects identified in the CJIS strategic plan. Some projects include:

- NCJIS - a secure data portal providing access to criminal justice data for over 5,000 law enforcement users.

- VINE - offender detention and release information for crime victims and the public.
- Standardized automation for law enforcement, jails, and prosecutors.
- Electronic citations.

## Community Corrections Council

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The Commission provides budgetary and administrative support to the Community Corrections Council, which has its own Executive Director and staff. The Council, established in 2003, has a mandate to develop standards for community corrections programs and facilities, propose sentencing guidelines to be considered by the Supreme Court, and develop a uniform crime data analysis system.

The Council oversees funding for substance abuse treatment for offenders released into the community, day and evening reporting centers, and specialized courts. The Council also has coordinated funding for a methamphetamine treatment study and a recidivism treatment center study.

## Central Administration

Staff in this budget program provide administrative assistance for the Crime Commission Governing Board, the Crime Victims' Reparations Committee, the County Attorneys Standards Advisory Council, and the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group.

Other activities include:

- **Uniform Crime Reporting** - collection and publication of criminal offense and arrest data.
- **Hate Crimes Reporting** - central repository for the collection and analysis of hate crime information.
- **Homicide Study** - review and analysis of all criminal homicide cases in Nebraska. Data is updated on an annual basis.
- **Traffic Stop Reporting** - data collection and analysis including the race or ethnicity of the person stopped and the nature of the violation.
- **Monitor Compliance with Mandatory Continuing Education for County Attorneys and their Deputies.**
- **Statistical Analysis Center** - provides research and statistical information for criminal justice purposes.
- **Crime Victim's Reparations** - financial assistance for innocent victims of crime.
- **Aid to Statewide Crime Stoppers**



## Crime Commission Profile

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## Nebraska Crime Commission

The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (Crime Commission) was created in 1967 by an Executive Order. In 1969 legislation was enacted to establish the Commission as an agency of state government.

The Commission was established to develop comprehensive plans that improve the administration of criminal justice activities among state and local agencies. Since its inception, additional statutory responsibilities have been assigned and the Commission now serves as an umbrella agency for many criminal justice programs.

The following pages describe the Crime Commission's individual programs.

Note: The annual appropriation for all Crime Commission budget programs, including the Community Corrections Council, is 25 to 30 million dollars each fiscal year.

## Law Enforcement Training Center

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The Training Center, located in Grand Island, is administered by the Crime Commission with oversight provided by the Police Standards Advisory Council. The Center provides basic training for new law enforcement officers, supervision/management courses, reserve officer training, highway safety courses, initial and in-service training for jail facility employees, in-service training for sheriffs, and various specialized schools.

Training Center staff also certify the curriculum and inspect the three other law enforcement training centers in the state (Omaha and Lincoln Police Departments and the State Patrol).

Following renovation and expansion of the Training Center, the State Patrol Training Academy was collocated in the expanded facility in 2001.

The Center accepts both agency sponsored and tuition paying students. Enrollment information can be found at the Center's website.

The Center's website address is [www.nletc.state.ne.us](http://www.nletc.state.ne.us).

## Grant Programs

The Crime Commission administers a variety of federal and state grant programs. Each program has a different purpose and different requirements, and the amount available for each program varies from year to year. Each year, the Crime Commission makes sub-awards to approximately 325 agencies. The grant programs administered by the Crime Commission include:

- **Edward Byrne/Justice Assistance Grant** is a federal grant program that promotes partnership among federal, state, and local criminal justice entities in addressing the state's drug and violent crime issues. A major priority of this grant program is to provide funds for drug and violent crime task forces.
- **Residential Substance Abuse Treatment** is a federal grant program that provides support for the residential substance abuse treatment programs housed within correctional facilities.
- **Project Safe Neighborhoods** is a federal grant program that helps reduce gun crime and gang violence.
- **Victims of Crime Act** is a federal grant program designed to provide direct services to victims of crime. Nebraska also provides limited state dollars to enhance such services.

- **Juvenile Accountability Block Grant** is a federal grant program which enhances efforts to assist youth involved in the juvenile justice system.
- **Violence Against Women Act** is a federal grant program that provides funding to communities to improve their local criminal justice system's response to women who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- **Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Title II** is a federal grant program that assists states and local communities in making improvements and changes to their juvenile justice systems. State funding priorities include alternatives to detention, disproportionate minority confinement and projects for compliance with the JJDP Act.
- **Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Title V** is a federal grant program with limited funding that is designed for prevention programs with the current priority being disproportionate minority confinement.
- **Juvenile Services** is a state grant program that provides funds to communities for programs which provide alternatives to juvenile incarceration.
- **County Aid** is a state grant program that assists counties in providing needed programs and services identified in their comprehensive community juvenile justice plans.